

## Christmas Carol Project

You will have 4 in-class days to work on and complete this assignment. If you think you'll need more time than that, you should plan to work on this at home for homework.



Please choose ONE of the below projects. It is your choice, of course, so pick one that you know will fit you the best. Your finished project is due: **end of class this Thursday, Dec. 20th**. The number in parenthesis indicates how many people are permitted to work on the project together.

### Option #1: Christmas Card (1)

Design and make a Christmas card reflecting Scrooge's feelings about Christmas. The front should have a Victorian scene, or some other picture that reflects the time and history (1800s). The inside verse must be 8-10 lines and it should have a rhyme pattern. The back should have some sort of stamp or mark of the artist (you) or your company. This should be a realistic card—not one just drawn onto a piece of notebook or printer paper. Please use heavy construction paper or card stock paper. You may use graphics, but I'd prefer it if you draw and color it yourself. You will NOT be given computer access in class and you may NOT submit a card entirely made from/on the computer.

### Option #2: "The Night Before Christmas" Poem Project (1 OR 2)

Study a copy of the popular "The Night before Christmas" poem written by Clement C. Moore. Rewrite it to reflect Scrooge's feelings about Christmas and what the night before Christmas meant to him. The original has 56 lines in it. Your rewrite must imitate the rhyme pattern and it must have at least 24 lines. Try to tell a story in it, and make sure you have a good closing (ending). Type it or print it neatly onto a piece of construction paper; decorate around it so it depicts the play's mood, setting or events.

### Options #3: Christmas Carol—Scrooge Style! (1 OR 2)

Take a popular Christmas carol and rewrite it to reflect Scrooge's (*the miser's*) beginning feelings about Christmas. Write out the words to the original carol. Then, make some changes in the wording to make it more pleasing to Ebenezer Scrooge. You must write at least two verses and include the chorus. Then, you need to record it for others to hear—either on a cassette tape, video tape, and/or save it to a flashdrive. With your permission (and if our technology permits it), I'd like to upload it to the class wiki page! ☺ You can sing it alone, with friends or with family. With your recorded song, you also need to turn-in a two-columned copy (*see below*) of the original lyrics with your rewritten lyrics in the next column. (Reminder: make sure your name and class period is clearly marked with tape on your cassette/flashdrive.)

**Carol Suggestions:** *Jingle Bells, Silent Night, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, 12 Days of Christmas, Santa Claus is coming to town, Jo to the World, We Wish you a Merry Christmas, Deck the Halls, The Little Drummer Boy, I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus, Winter Wonderland, I'm Getting Nuttin for Christmas, I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas*

Layout for 2-columned copy:

Original Christmas carol lyrics:	Your Rewritten, Scrooge-style lyrics

### PROJECT SCHEDULE:

**Monday 12/17:** (WW pretest) Introduction; discuss requirements; study rubric; choose a project (and a partner, if applicable); begin brainstorming ideas.

**Tuesday, 12/18:** (WW pgs 84-87 due) Finish your rough draft; turn it in at the end of class to have it approved by Mrs. Tolin ←finish for HW if not completed in class.

**Wednesday, 12/19:** (WW pgs 88-89 due) Have rough draft approved by Mrs. Tolin in the beginning of class (if not completed yesterday); Begin design your creating final draft using art supplies including magazine cut-outs, card stock, construction paper, etc. Bring your own if you want to use something "special"! ☺

**Thursday: 12/20:** (Word Wisdom posttest) Perfect your final draft, prepare for publication; study rubric again to make sure you have met all requirements. Project due by end of class!!!!

**Friday, 12/21:** If you did not submit your project at the end of class yesterday, you are expected to submit it to Mrs. Tolin BEFORE ENRICHMENT/INTERVENTION class on this day (late). You may lose your privileges to participate in this day's Team Typhoon "Winter Fun Friday" if your project is incomplete. I will NOT accept the project after Winter Break.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT THIS WITH YOUR FINAL PROJECT!

Due: **end of class this Thursday, Dec. 20th.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PUT A ☒ CHECK MARK NEXT TO THE PROJECT YOU COMPLETED.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Project #1: CHRISTMAS CARD**

1. Is your card neatly drawn/made? Is it colorful? Does it accurately reflect the Victorian times of Dickens' and/or the history of the play's setting (1800s)?	_____/10
2. Did you put it in the correct format: Scene on front? Verse inside? Your company name on back?	_____/5
3. Does your verse express Scrooge's feelings of the holiday from Act I? Is it 8-10 lines long? Does it rhyme?	_____/10
4. Is it FREE from spelling, punctuation or word-usage errors?	_____/5

**Total Points:** \_\_\_\_/30

\_\_\_\_\_ **Project #2: "THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS" REWRITE**

1. Does your project follow the guidelines of the assignment: Do you have at least 24 lines? Did you put it in colorful construction paper and/or decorate it in some way?	_____/5
2. Does the poem you wrote reflect Scrooge's night before Christmas and his attitude about the holiday? Is it the same rhyme pattern as the original?	_____/15
3. Is it FREE from spelling errors?	_____/5
4. Is it FREE from punctuation or word-usage errors?	_____/5

**Total Points:** \_\_\_\_/30

\_\_\_\_\_ **Project #3: CHRISTMAS CAROL REWRITE (Scrooge-Style!)**

1. Did you follow the guidelines of the assignments: Is it a well-known carol? Did you complete a 2-column copy with the original and your copy of the rewrite?	_____/5
2. Did you record yourself singing the song with the new words? Can you clearly be heard and understood? Can the original music (melody) be heard too?	_____/10
3. Do the words reflect Scrooge's attitude about the holiday in Act I? Do the words make sense?	_____/10
4. Is your (typed) songs FREE from spelling, usage or punctuation errors?	_____/5

**Total Points:** \_\_\_\_/30